

CURRICULUM MAPPING

What is Curriculum Mapping?

- Reviewing the state-mandated curriculum (or curriculum currently in use for private schools) for grade level or subject area.
- Creating a projected plan (year-long timeline) that deliberately integrates concepts and skills among various disciplines.

What is the Purpose of Curriculum Mapping?

- Know the curriculum in depth and confirm state-mandated curriculum is being taught
- Cultivate the awareness of curricular standards and objectives within other grade levels and disciplines
- Provide a tool for communicating curriculum to all stake holders (teachers, administrators, parents, and community)
- Facilitate long-range planning
- Find interdisciplinary and cross-grade connections to give context and meaning to what is taught which provides the foundation for interdisciplinary thematic units
- Locate gaps and overlaps vertically throughout the school
- Align for meaningful progression of skills
- Analyze areas for improvement based on assessment data
- Provide a structure to assimilate future mandates from the district, state, or national levels

Tools for Curriculum Mapping:

- State-mandated curriculum, including the curriculum for arts and other specialists areas
- Pacing Guides (it may be useful to have previous years' planning books)
- Testing Schedules
- Calendar of school and community events
- Field trips and other school events (ie: field trips, local arts productions and exhibitions, etc.)
- Other “drivers” (ie: grants, initiatives, district mandates including adopted texts)